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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON REVISION OF ROME CONVENTION

- 1. CONFERENCE OPENED WITH 44 DELEGATES AND FOUR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REGISTERED. GP ZHUKOV, NEW USSR DIRECTOR OF LEGAL BUREAU, IS IN ATTENDANCE.
- 2. F. MAHMUD, INDONEISAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE. FOUR VICE PRESIDENTS IN SEQUENCE ARE: G. BARILE, ITALY; A. OJEDA, CUBA; R. A. OSIKAYA, NIGERIA; H. BAQUIAN, JORDAN.
- 3. OPENING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY CUBA, SWITZERLAND, FRG, BRAZIL, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, ARGENTINA, USSR, ITALY, NORWAY, CANADA, SPAIN AND US.
- 4. SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS WERE: FRANCE URGED THAT NOISE AND SONIC BOOM BE INCLUDED IN THE CONVENTION; SWITZERLAND SUGGESTED A STATE OPTION PLAN ON LIMITS; NETHERLANDS PROPOSED ONLY AN OVERALL LIMIT (NO PER PERSON LIMIT) AT A HIGH LEVEL; CANADA SUGGESTED NO LIMITS FOR COMVENTION; USSR, AS WELL AS OTHERS, RECOGNIZED NEED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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HIGHER LIMITS.

5. US INDICATED IT WAS NOT A PARTY TO THE CONVETION BUT WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. THE US OUTLINED ITS GENERAL POSITION AND PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE WORK OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON NOISE AND SONIC BOOM, DID NOT BELIEVE THAT DAMAGES FROM NOISE OR SONIC BOOM SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CONVENTION.

6. A NUMBER OF DELEGATES HAVE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF
RATIFICATION OF THE GUATEMALA-WARSAW PROTOCOLS. WE HAVE ADVISED THAT
THE MATTER IS STILL BEING CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE.
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